About the RPA and ROPEX

Founded in 1913, the Rochester Philatelic Association (RPA) is one of New York's oldest philatelic organizations with nearly 120 members from throughout the region. Our members have been involved with various local, regional, national and international stamp activities over many decades.

ROPEX (Rochester Philatelic Exhibition), upstate New York's only national level stamp show, is sponsored by the RPA and is one of three World Series of Philately (WSP) exhibitions run by an individual club. It has brought together collectors, dealers and exhibitors from across the US and Canada together to buy, sell and talk philately almost every year since 1974.

Why Attend ROPEX?

Philatelists have many choices when deciding to attend or participate in a national philatelic exhibition. Some factors to consider include:

- Time of year and weather conditions
- Ease and expense of getting to and around the host city
- Having a variety of hotel options with different price ranges
- Nearby access to restaurants
- Shopping and alternate activities for family members

We realize that Rochester is not necessarily considered a "Tier 1" city—and we like it that way! Attendees can plan on an affordable stay with fewer hassles than in our larger city counterparts. Everyone's a friendly philatelist here!

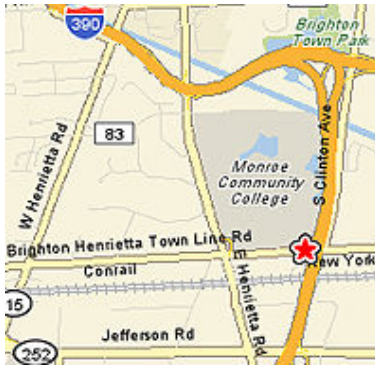
Rochester in May

Rochester is known as "The Flower City" and May is the perfect time of year to see why! Monthly low and high average temperatures are respectively 50˚ and 70˚. Precipitation is minimal compared to other months. Your comfort is nearly guaranteed! Highland Park annually hosts the world-famous Lilac Festival over two weeks in May, not only attracting lilac enthusiasts but flower-lovers and gardeners from near and far to see over 400 varieties in full bloom.

Transportation

Getting to Rochester is easy. The Greater Rochester International Airport is less than 10 minutes from ROPEX and is serviced by Air Canada, AirTran, American, Continental, Delta, JetBlue, Northwest, US Air and United, among others. Its 22 concourse gates handle almost 1.5 million outgoing passengers yearly. Most ROPEX area hotels offer free shuttle bus service. Amtrak trains and Greyhound buses can also get you to Rochester. Taxies around town are plentiful. Buses operated by the Rochester Regional Transit Service run between 6 AM to 11 PM daily. Driving to Rochester and ROPEX is easy. The New York Thruway (I-90) crosses the state east to west with three exits to Rochester. From there, the main north-south highway I-390 will get you to the Henrietta area, three miles south of the city and a major commercial district.

The ROPEX Venue



ROPEX moved to a new venue in 2007, the ESL Sports Centre, on the campus of Monroe Community College. It is conveniently located off of a main thoroughfare, East Henrietta Road (Route 15A). The facility's main ice rink (one of 4) is converted to a meeting arena for the summer months. The 200x85 foot area provides ample space for exhibits, dealers, and patrons alike. It is handicap accessible. Spacious meeting rooms and an on-site restaurant overlook the rink, along with a snack bar open show hours.

Nearby Hotels

There are at least 13 hotels catering to every taste and budget within a mile or two of ROPEX, including:

- Best Western Marketplace Inn, 940 Jefferson Rd (585)427-2700
- Comfort Suites, 2085 Hylan Dr (585)334-6620
- Days Inn, 4853 W Henrietta Rd (585)334-9300
- Doubletree Inn, 1111 Jefferson Rd (585)475-1510
- Hampton Inn, 717 East Henrietta Rd (585)272-780
- Holiday Inn Marketplace, 800 Jefferson Rd (585)475-9190
- Homewood Suites, 2095 Hylan Dr (585)334-9150
- Microtel Inn, 905 Lehigh Station Rd (585)334-3400
- Radisson Hotel Airport, 175 Jefferson Rd (585)475-1910
- Red Roof Inns, 4820 W Henrietta Rd (585)359-1100
- Residence Inn by Marriott, 1300 Jefferson Rd (585)272-8850
- Super 8 Motel, 1000 Lehigh Station Rd (585)359-1630
- Wellesley Inn, 797 E Henrietta Rd (585)427-0130

Rooms vary from $65 to $140 per night based on 2007 pricing. All hotel rooms book well in advance during this time of year, and everyone is urged to place reservations as soon as possible. The four closest (within a half-mile) are the Best Western, Days Inn, Doubletree Inn and the Wellesley Inn. ROPEX may be able to arrange for discounted room rates at a limited number of hotels. Contact the show committee for details.

Restaurants

Whether your taste in food is purely American steak and potatoes or more on the exotic side, you'll find an eatery close by. Traditional chain favorites abound, like Appleby's, Friday's, Ruby Tuesday's, Outback Steak House, Bugaboo Creek, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, and Red Robin. Ethnic food is equally around the corner: Chinese, Thai, Korean, Indian, Greek, Italian and Mexican. Try Rochester specialties like Zweigle's white hots, subs from DiBella's, an ice cream from Abbott's, or a "garbage plate" from Nick Tahoe's.

Area Attractions

Rochester is home to many major corporations, like Kodak, Xerox and Bausch and Lomb. Former leaders of these firms and others have left their mark on the greater Rochester community. The Eastman Theater hosts music concerts from classical to jazz to rock and roll. The Margaret Woodbury Strong National Museum of Play is a one-of-a kind toy museum and hands-on activities center for young and old alike. Catch a Red Wings AAA baseball game or a Rhinos soccer match during your stay, or maybe visit the Seneca Park Zoo. The Marketplace Mall boasts 150+ stores and is just down the road. Also check out Wegman's—a grocery store (really!) and much more! See all that greater Rochester offers online at http://www.visitrochester.com.

Of Interest to Exhibitors

ROPEX frame fees are $20 per single frame exhibit (12-15 maximum accepted), $10 per frame for a multi-frame exhibit, and $5 per frame for a youth exhibit under the age of 21. You may register right online! We are limited to a maximum of 250 total frames. An assortment of specialty society awards are given annually along with several RPA prizes. The grand award winner represents ROPEX at Stampshow in August.

Of Interest to Dealers

ROPEX offers some of the lowest table fees of any national WSP show, starting at $250 for a single 8 foot front and back table. Standard configuration includes 2- 8 foot front tables and a back table for $400. Additional front and back tables may be purchased as needed. We typically host between 25-32 dealers per year from throughout the US and Canada. Reserve your space early to avoid disappointment. Other WSP shows in the northeast on alternate weekends include Philatelic Show (Boxborough, MA), NOJEX (NJ) and NAPEX (DC).

Of Interest to Societies

We can assure your group an exceptional and affordable experience in Rochester assisted by our team of veteran committee members who will assist with your every need and wish. You will love our attention to detail!

Questions? Email stamptmf@frontiernet.net, or write to:
ROPEX, c/o 28 Amberwood Place, Rochester, NY 14626-4166

Collectors, Exhibitors, Dealers, Societies and your Families…

The Rochester Philatelic Association invites you to

ROPEX

An APS "World Series of Philately"
National Stamp Exhibition in Rochester's
southern suburb of Henrietta, NY

May 16-18, 2008
May 15-17, 2009

Our venue, the ESL Sports Centre on the campus of Monroe Community College

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